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Five must-check-out events to try this weekend. 10-11

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From refusing to deal Landon Collins to possibly trading OBJ and holding on to Eli, the Giants' future and rebuild is at the questionable mercy of General Manager Dave Gettleman. 13

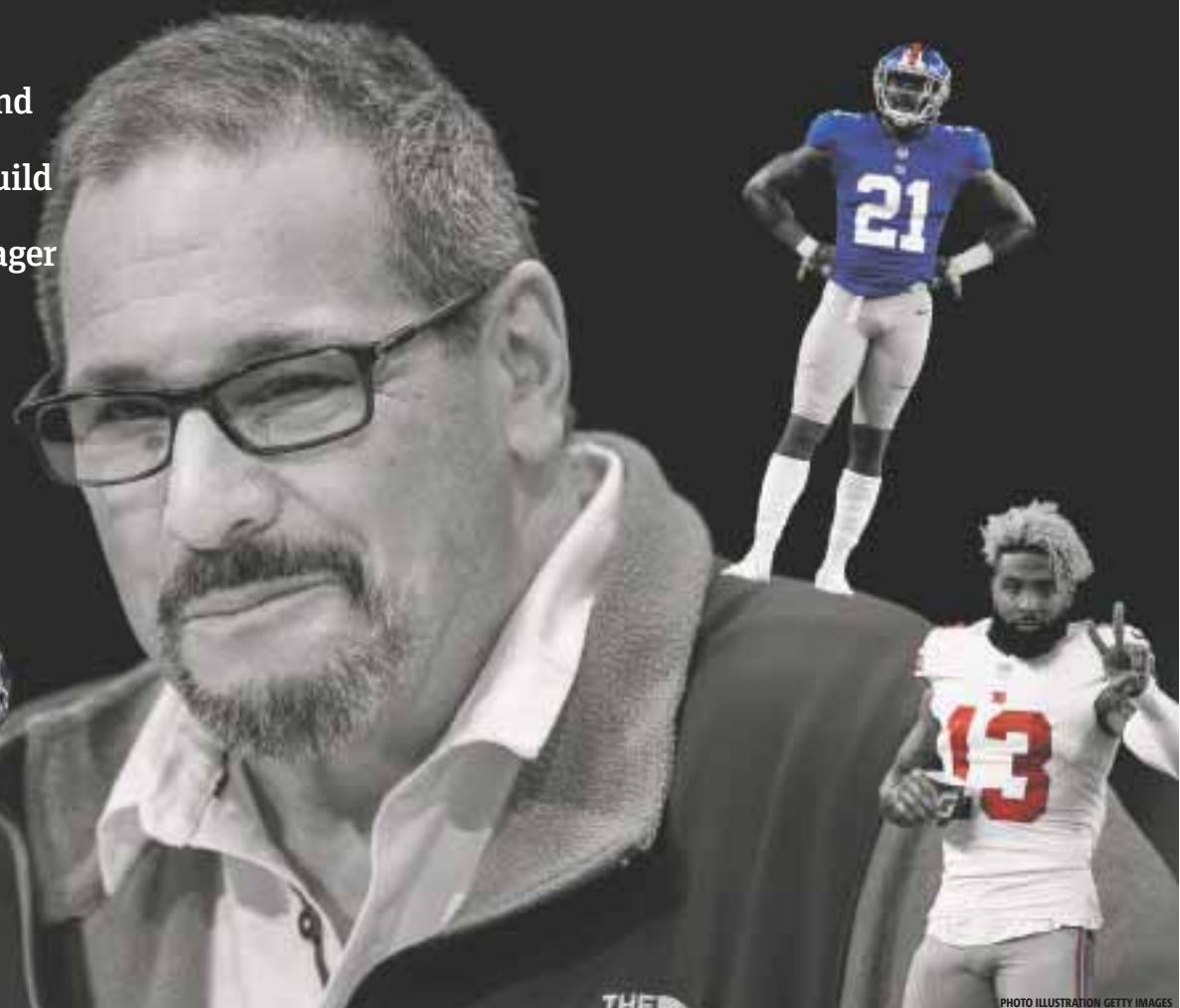


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1 THINGS TO KNOW



New artwork unveiled in New York

1 In front of the Brooklyn Bridge stands the artwork "Bridge Over Tree" by Iranian artist Siah Armajani. It was originally exhibited in Minneapolis in 1970 and is now being shown again for the first time. The piece shows a bridge over a small fir tree.

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Mets Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver has dementia

2 The family of Tom Seaver announced Thursday that the Hall of Fame pitcher was recently diagnosed with dementia and is retiring from public life. According to the statement, released through the Baseball Hall of Fame, Seaver will continue work in his vineyard in Calistoga in California's wine country. According to [MLB.com](#) New York Mets beat writer Anthony DiComo, the team was hoping Seaver could

attend a 50th anniversary celebration of the 1969 Miracle Mets but confirmed that in light of Thursday's news, he will not. "We've been in contact with the Seaver family and are aware of his health situation," Mets Chief Operating Officer Jeff Wilpon said in a statement. "Although he's unable to attend the '69 Anniversary, we are planning to honor him in special ways and have included his family in our plans."

Boeheim cleared of wrongdoing in fatal crash

3 Officials have cleared Syracuse head coach Jim Boeheim of any wrongdoing in the highway accident that claimed the life of a 51-year-old pedestrian in February. "After a careful review of the facts and circumstances of this case ... I concur with [the police] findings that this was a tragic accident. No charges will be filed against anyone involved," Onondaga County, N.Y., District Attorney William

J. Fitzpatrick wrote in a report released Thursday. Boeheim's GMC Acadia struck and killed Jorge Jimenez on Interstate 690 on the evening of Feb. 20. Jimenez was a passenger in a Dodge Charger that had spun out on a patch of ice and crashed into a guardrail. He was dressed in dark clothing and standing next to the disabled vehicle, which didn't have its lights on, when the fatal collision occurred, according to the report.

R. Kelly's girlfriends say parents are lying for money

4 Two women who say they are in a relationship with R. Kelly defended the R&B singer, despite criminal allegations he sexually assaulted teenage girls, and in a tearful interview broadcast on Thursday accused their own parents of trying to extort money from the performer. The parents of the two women, Azriel Clary and Joycelyn Savage, say their daughters, 21 and 23, respectively, have been brainwashed by Kelly, 52. "I'm crying because you guys don't know the truth," Clary said as she sobbed during the interview with CBS. Clary called her father "very manipulative," and accused her parents of telling "lies for money." "If you can't see that, you're ignorant and you're stupid," she said. Kelly, who was in the room during the women's interview, pleaded not guilty last month to charges that he sexually assaulted three teenage girls and a fourth woman.

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Disability Rights Advocates wins ruling over lack of NYC subway elevators

MTA violated federal disability law when it replaced subway stairs without installing an elevator.

New York City's transit authority violated federal disability law when it replaced a subway station's stairs without installing an elevator, a federal judge has ruled, a decision that could require new elevators in future station renovations.

The ruling, issued on Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Edgardo Ramos in Manhattan, came as part of a lawsuit against the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) filed in 2016 by disability rights groups, joined last year by the Justice Department.

Ramos found that when the MTA renovates a station in a way that affects its usability, such as by replacing stairs, the federal Americans with Disability Act requires it to install an elevator unless it is technically infeasible, so disabled people could use it.

The MTA argued in court papers that it was entitled not to install an elevator because of high cost.

Fewer than 25 percent of New York City subway stations have elevators, according to Disability Rights Advocates, a non-profit that provided legal representation for the plaintiffs.

The system has been plagued by growing delays attributed to such factors as inadequate maintenance, a crumbling infrastructure and outdated signaling, even as ridership has grown. Andy Byford, the current president of the MTA unit that operates the subway, has pledged to improve the system and has said that accessibility will be a top priority. REUTERS

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The lawsuit was filed over the MTA's \$27 million renovation of Middletown Road station on the No. 6 line in the Pelham Bay neighborhood of the Bronx in 2013 and 2014, which did not include installing an elevator so disabled people could use it.

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Cohen, looking to regain unpaid legal fees, sues Trump Organization

The president's former lawyer says he's owed \$3.8M.

Michael Cohen, the former personal lawyer of President Donald Trump, on Thursday sued the Trump Organization, saying it reneged on its obligation to reimburse him for millions of dollars of legal fees and costs related to his work.

In a complaint filed in the New York state supreme court in Manhattan, Cohen said the Trump Organization stopped paying him last May after it became clear he would cooperate with various probes into his work.

These include Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of Russian influence in the 2016 presidential election, as well as multiple



Michael Cohen, the former personal attorney of U.S. President Donald Trump, departs with his attorney and advisor Lanny Davis after testifying. GETTY IMAGES

congressional probes.

Cohen said the Trump Organization owes him at least \$3.8 million, and its failure

to pay breached a reimbursement agreement that predicated his cooperation.

The Trump Organiza-

tion did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Thursday's lawsuit marks a further break

for Trump's longtime "fixer" from his former boss.

It came as Cohen, 52, prepares this spring to

begin serving a three-year prison term following his guilty plea to campaign finance violations.

\$3.8M

Cohen said the organization has refused to pay any of his legal fees or costs since May 2018, and owes him about \$3.8 million.

These included "hush money" payments to adult film actress Stormy Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, and former Playboy model Karen McDougal, who both said they had sexual encounters with Trump. REUTERS



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'Fearless Girl' sculptor blocked from selling replicas

A federal judge in Manhattan has blocked the sculptor of the "Fearless Girl" statue that promoted gender diversity on Wall Street and in other companies from selling replicas, court papers released on Thursday show.

U.S. District Judge Gregory Woods issued a temporary restraining order against Kristen Visbal as part of a lawsuit filed against her last month by State Street Global Advisors, which commissioned the original bronze statue.

State Street said Visbal's sale of unauthorized replicas undermined its message that female leaders help companies perform better. It said the replicas damaged its goodwill, and infringed its intellectual property rights.

The unit of Boston-based State Street Corp. has about \$2.5 trillion of assets under management.

According to court papers, Woods declined Feb.



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26 to issue a restraining order after Visbal's lawyers told him she planned merely to discuss her creation of "Fearless Girl" at an unveiling in Melbourne, Australia.

The judge changed his mind after State Street said Visbal instead promoted two financial institutions and discussed gender diversity in that sector, violating her license agreement.

Woods' order bars Visbal from selling a "Fearless Girl" replica to a German buyer, or using online forms to sell replicas, including a smaller

version for \$6,650.

"Plaintiff has demonstrated a substantial likelihood of success on the merits, and ... that it will suffer irreparable harm if an injunction is not entered," Woods wrote.

Visbal's lawyer Nancy Wolff called the order "unfortunate," but said State Street's agreement lets her client sell replicas, and discuss their shared gender diversity goals at unveilings.

"Kristen's goal for 'Fearless Girl' is to create replicas for public placement around the world, where the public can stand with the iconic artwork and be inspired by its meaning," Wolff said in a statement.

Lawyers for State Street did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

"Fearless Girl" was installed in March 2017 in Bowling Green in downtown Manhattan, facing the "Charging Bull" sculpture. REUTERS

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LSU Head coach Will Wade was reportedly caught on tape by the FBI.

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Report: FBI tapes reveal LSU's Wade discussing 'offer'

The probe revolves around the recruiting of Javonte Smart.

Yahoo Sports on Thursday, citing an FBI wiretap, reported details about an alleged 2017 conversation between LSU basketball coach Will Wade and basketball middleman Christian Dawkins discussing a strong "offer" for a recruit.

Yahoo Sports, referencing a tape, reports that a conversation between the two shows Wade's frustrations over a "smart thing," with the coach allegedly saying he was "sick of dealing" with it, and that it should not be all that "complicated."

"The problem was, I know why he didn't take it now, it was tilted toward the family a little bit," Wade said, according to the report. "It was tilted toward taking care of the mom, taking care of the kid. Like it

was tilted towards that. Now I know for a fact he didn't explain everything to the mom. I know now, he didn't get enough of the piece of the pie in the deal."

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The call offered no details about the "Smart" reference, according to Yahoo. But in June of 2017, guard Javonte Smart, a local Baton Rouge, Louisiana, product, committed to the Tigers program. He is currently a freshman on the team's roster and has scored 11.4 points per game this season.

Dawkins has been connected to FBI wiretaps going back to 2017. ESPN has reported, citing court records, that Dawkins had contact on multiple occasions in 2017 with a phone number that was believed to have belonged to Wade.

A federal basketball corruption trial will take place April 22 in New York and will focus on the college basketball recruiting process. Wade and Arizona head coach Sean Miller have been linked to the case with defense attorneys in the process of filing subpoenas for both coaches, Yahoo Sports reported.

Dawkins and Merl Code, an Adidas consultant, will face bribery charges in the trial. Co-defendants include assistant coaches Emanuel Richardson of Arizona, Tony Bland of USC and Lamont Evans of Oklahoma State, all of whom have reached a plea agreement. REUTERS



Pat King
Grumble Editor

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Someone grumbled recently about being upset with people who flake out on them all the time. That drives me CRAZY!!!! I have a friend who is constantly doing that to me every time we try to make plans. She cancels all the time and even when she does show up, it's like a half an hour later than we planned.



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I know that it is terrible to have friends like that, but what's even worse is when people like repairmen or the cable guy cancel on you. It also drives me up the wall when they give you, like, a five-hour window of when they are going to arrive, and then show up at the fifth hour. Just say when you are going to arrive!

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Taurus Take better care of your health and reputation. What you do will affect how far you advance personally and professionally. Execute your plans with precision.



Gemini A physical change may make you feel better, but the cost will bring you back down. Consider a way to prop yourself up without taking a physical or financial risk.



Cancer Speak up and share your thoughts with someone you respect to get positive feedback and the support you need to make your dreams come true.



Leo You don't have to like others' actions. Getting into a dispute is a waste of time. Do your own thing and let others go about their business.



Virgo Get in touch with someone who inspires you and share your ideas and plans. The information you receive will encourage you to expand your horizons and implement positive change.



Libra Get out and do things with people who encourage you to improve and take part in activities and events. Refuse to give in to selfish demands or criticism.



Scorpio Protect your honor and safety, but don't hesitate to join in if something or someone intrigues you. Use your intelligence to make wise decisions.



Sagittarius Don't let what's behind you dictate your future. Choose whom you associate with carefully. If someone seems evasive, they could be unreliable.



Capricorn Keep emotional matters to a minimum. Put your energy into home improvements and changes that will benefit your health and physical well-being. Take the initiative, but be realistic.

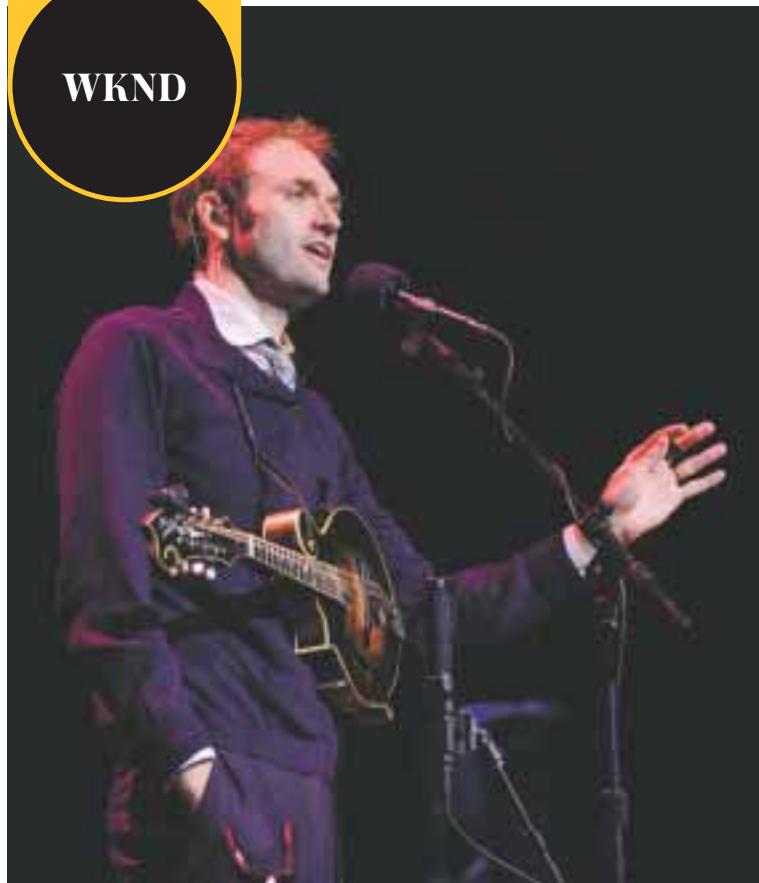


Aquarius Don't make a change or purchase just because someone else does. Look for a way to improve without going into debt. Set your own standard instead of trying to obtain the impossible.



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Things to check out in NYC this weekend



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With so many things happening in this city at all times, it can create a constant and disorienting whiplash-like feeling of FOMO. It's just too hard to keep up! While you can't attend everything you'd like to — or even the things you didn't know were happening — it's nice to have an idea of what is going on before the weekend starts. Here are five great things to check out in the city this weekend. Choose wisely!

Robyn brings her "Honey" tour to MSG

Friday, March 8

Swedish pop singer Robyn has had the definition of a "slow burn" of a career. With releases dating back to the mid-'90s, she had somewhat of a career renaissance in the 2000s with songs like "Dancing On My Own" and "Call Your Boyfriend," taking on the banner of "Songs to put on when you want to take the party up to 11." Last year, Robyn released her first album in eight years, "Honey," which is arguably her strongest to date and will be bring-

ing her tour to Madison Square Garden for what may be the biggest dance party of the year so far.

As of right now, tickets are still available. Make sure to head over to garden-ny.org to snag some seats with ample dancing room.

The NBA and the NHL take over the Garden

Saturday, March 9

Once the confetti is cleared out from the nosebleeds after Friday's Robyn concert, the Garden will turn itself over for a packed day of New York City sports. First up, the Knicks will welcome the Sacramento Kings for an early afternoon game

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at noon. Once that wraps up, the temperature will drop as the court will transform into a hockey rink as the New York Rangers will face off against their cross-river rivals the New Jersey Devils at 7 p.m.

For tickets to both games, head over to ticketmaster.com

"Live From Here" at Carnegie Hall
Saturday, March 9
 When Garrison Keillor stepped down from doing his weekly live public radio variety show, "A Prairie Home Companion," he ceded the reins to someone who understands the folksy nature of that show and how to bring it to the next generation of young listeners. That performer is mandolin virtuoso and leader of bluegrass band The Punch Brothers, Chris Thile. The show has grown from its humble beginnings broadcasting from Town Hall to the much bigger Carnegie Hall. This week's guests will include banjo legendary innovator Bela Fleck and the equally masterful upright bassist Edgar Meyer. It's hard to imagine this pairing with Thile resulting in some of the most mesmeriz-

ing picking you will see on Planet Earth. Other guests include Julie Fowlis, Aoife O' Donovan, Paul Muldoon, and comedian Maeve Higgins.

For tickets, head over to livefromhere.org.

"SNL's" Chris Redd at Union Hall

Sunday, March 10

"Saturday Night Live" has been on a roll this season, and for good reason: They have had a lot of source material to skewer with our current administration. As cast members have their hands full during the week writing and creating sketches, few of them branch off during their downtime to perform improv and stand-up throughout the city. Featured player and rising star Chris Redd will be blowing off some workplace steam with a stand-up show at Park Slope's comedy mecca Union Hall. If you have never been, the small basement venue is the perfect place to catch some of comedy's biggest acts in a small and intimate setting. So make sure to buy tickets and get there early! And if you can, make sure to sign up for a game of bocce ball in the main

bar area.

For tickets, head over to unionhallny.com.

New Colossus Festival **All weekend long**

With the collapse of the once-yearly CMJ festival, the Lower East Side has been missing the weeklong celebration showcasing new and upcoming bands at the various venues that are still standing. That may change, as this is the inaugural year of the New Colossus Festival, which will host shows with hundreds of different bands at different venues all weekend long. Venues include Berlin Under A, Coney Island Baby, The Delancey, Bowery Electric, Arlene's Grocery and Pianos. Badges that can get you entry into every single show are marked at a low price of \$50. When you consider how much bang for your buck you will be getting, you could easily mark this event as a "steal." There are way too many bands that we can't fit in print, but here are a couple of suggestions for you to seek out: Giant Peach, Poppies, Grim Streaker and THICK.

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ward retirement without enough income to maintain their standard of living at home.

Health care is a particular concern for Americans who want to retire before age 65, when Medicare, the government health program for seniors, kicks in. Currently, early retirees can buy coverage through the Affordable Care Act, but it's not always truly affordable and its future is uncertain.

Some who would otherwise retire plan to keep working, rather than risk being uninsured. But a move abroad could be an option for those intrepid enough to try it.

Cheaper health care also may appeal to gig economy workers who aren't tied to stateside jobs. Freelance science writer Erica Rex, for example, recently wrote an opinion column for The New York Times about moving to the United Kingdom and then France after her 2009 cancer diagnosis.

"The health care in a lot of places around the world is very good, as good as in the United States," says Peddicord, who currently divides her time between Paris and Panama. "Some places, it is better."

Low-cost, quality health care usually isn't the main reason people move or retire abroad, says expat and Mexico resident Don Murray, who writes for rival site International Living. But reduced medical expenses are part of the lower living costs that prompt many Americans to relocate, he says.

Expat numbers are on the rise

About 9 million Americans who aren't in the military live outside the U.S., according to State Department estimates. That's increased considerably from its 1999 estimate of 3 million to 6 million. The number could rise in coming years as millions more Americans barrel to

Italy and Malta have admirable health care.

With any country, quality can vary—especially in sparsely populated areas. Murray and his wife, Diane, left their first retirement destination, a small town in Ecuador, after encountering broken equipment and few doctors. They're much happier with the care near their Yucatan Peninsula home, where next-day appointments are the norm and doctors are typically trained in the U.S. or Europe, he says.

"It's like in the U.S.—if you live in Possum Belly, Alabama, and they don't have a hospital and the nearest one is an hour and a half away, the health care isn't going to be the same" as in a major city, Murray says.

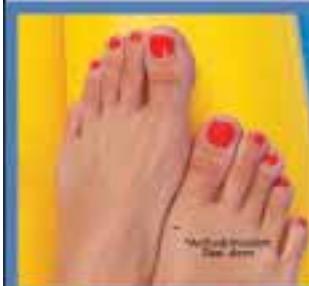
Options for health care access

Expats may be able to qualify for a country's public health care system if they become residents. Otherwise, there's typically a private system in which people can pay out of pocket and get reimbursed if they have private health insurance.

Peddicord and her husband, Lieff Simon, who are in their 50s, have an international health insurance policy that covers them whether they're traveling or at home in France or Panama. The annual cost is about \$3,000 for both of them, she says. Murray, 69, says he and his wife pay about \$80 each month for Mexico's public health system, but use private doctors and pay out of pocket for most care (including \$8 for a recent hospital visit to treat an eye infection).

"My personal budget no longer contains a line for health care expenses," Murray says. "They are so inconsequential there is no need."

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The retention of Eli Manning, the departure of Landon Collins, now the trade rumors surrounding Odell Beckham Jr.: The Giants are at the mercy of Dave Gettleman (pictured). GETTY IMAGES

GIANTS PROGRESS AT MERCY OF GETTLEMAN

OPINION

JOE PANTORNO



What is New York Giants general manager Dave Gettleman doing?

That's a loaded question; one that no one really has an answer to.

At face value, the 68-year-old front-office member looks to be running the Giants into the ground. Outside of the drafting of Saquon Barkley — who could very well become the greatest rusher in franchise history — with the No. 2 pick in the draft last year, everything Gettleman has touched has rotted.

The acquisitions of Nate Solder and Patrick

Omameh did little to bolster one of the league's worst offensive lines. He even decided to give Ereck Flowers another shot before it became woefully clear that he's not cut to start in the NFL.

He hired a head coach in Pat Shurmur that found countless ways to lose games, making decisions that made it look like the Giants were more concerned with tanking rather than winning.

If that was the case, they didn't tank hard enough as five wins earned them the No. 6 pick. It could very well lead to the Giants losing out on their top choice at quarterback — like Ohio State product Dwayne Haskins — should another team trade up into the top five.

Even with the indication that the Giants are looking for the quarterback of the future, they are hanging on to their old one for dear life.

Thirty-eight-year-old Eli Manning and his \$23 million cap hit will return for another season, the last of his current contract. His better days are well behind him, his immobility behind a weak offensive line remains a recipe for di-

saster, and his contract is putting a stranglehold on any hopes of progress for the organization.

While Gettleman and Shurmur opted to keep Manning's excessive salary, they just let All-Pro safety Landon Collins waltz into free agency beginning next week. Rather than spend \$11.2 million to exercise a franchise tag that would at least secure one of the best young defensive talents in the league for a year, the Giants opted to just let him leave for nothing.

The move became further befuddling when it was revealed on Wednesday that the Giants could have dealt Collins at the trade deadline for a first-round draft pick.

If there was no motive to retain Collins, why in the world would Gettleman not take that deal? No matter how you put it, the GM chose to keep a quarterback on his last legs instead of holding onto the future captain of the Giants defense.

There is no denying that Manning deserves to bid a hero's adieu. He's one of the greatest quarterbacks in franchise history and delivered two Super Bowls to the franchise. But this is a deci-

sion that does not help the Giants win, which is the sole objective of a general manager.

COULD THE GIANTS, GETTLEMAN TRADE OBJ?

Ever since Gettleman's arrival, the noise of a possible Odell Beckham Jr. trade continues to reverberate throughout the NFL despite the GM locking the 26-year-old up to a five-year, \$90 million deal last year.

The decision came with its fair share of hesitation considering Beckham's immaturity almost led to the Giants trading him to the Los Angeles Rams last March because of how management saw him as a man rather than a football player.

On his day, Beckham is the most explosive receiver in the NFL, but it was coming at a lofty price as constant outbursts on and off the field sabotaged the organization.

However, Beckham has done almost everything to prove he is worthy of such a deal. The demeanor that once got him into trouble has dramatically improved as he showed flashes of becoming a leader of the offense, including saying

the right things to the media throughout the year.

He remained productive during his first year back from a broken ankle, compiling over 1,000 yards receiving in just 12 games with six touchdowns. Those are impressive numbers considering the Giants offense was predicated largely on Manning settling on screen passes to Barkley or quick slants when he wasn't scrambling (ineffectively) for his life.

Yet the rumors of Beckham being shipped out of town persist, including a report this week that suggested the Giants were nearing a deal with the Cleveland Browns, among others.

To this editor, it seems like a preposterous idea. But what has Dave Gettleman done to prove that he wouldn't do it?

The Giants are piecing together a special offense with a plethora of weapons in Beckham, Barkley, Sterling Shepard, and tight end Evan Engram. If there were only a legitimate, strong offensive line and a quarterback that can consistently air it out, New York could have one of the best attacks in the

league. Gettleman has even made it clear in the past that the Giants didn't sign Beckham to trade him. But loyalty is a powerful thing and if Gettleman feels as though he owes Manning, then trading Beckham could be a stunning byproduct of that.

One of the game's best receivers would likely bring in a king's ransom that could include a first-round pick to help build the offensive line or a top-tier safety to help soften the blow of losing Collins.

It's a convoluted path toward contention and a seemingly unnecessary one when there was an easier option of parting ways with a 38-year-old quarterback. That way the Giants would secure an All-Pro safety, ease any brewing tensions between them and their franchise wide receiver, who obviously continues to hear his name crop up in trade talks, and use that freed up cash to build the offensive line for their quarterback of the future.

But this is Gettleman's ship to run, now. And it looks like things could be taking on water if he doesn't take evasive actions quickly.

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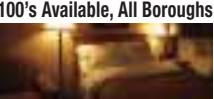
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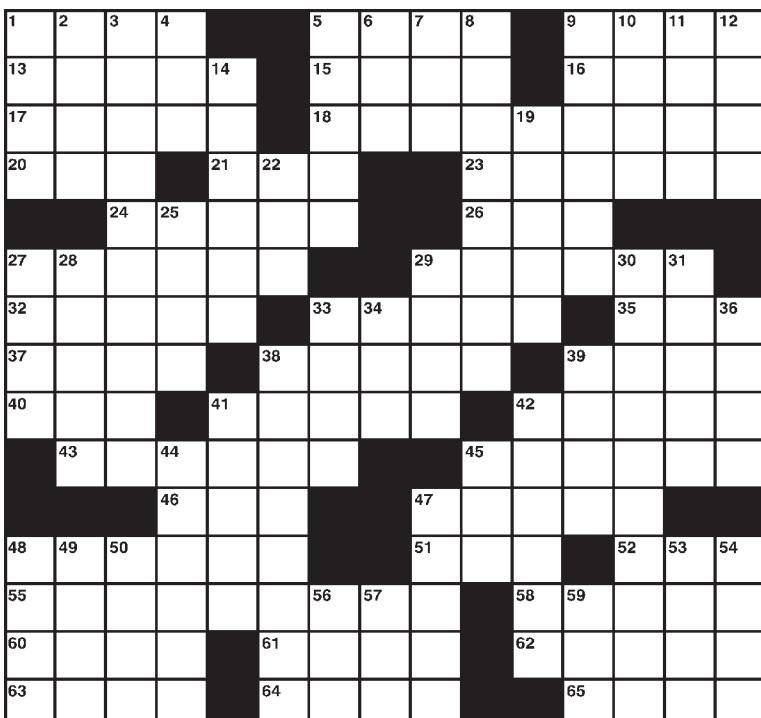
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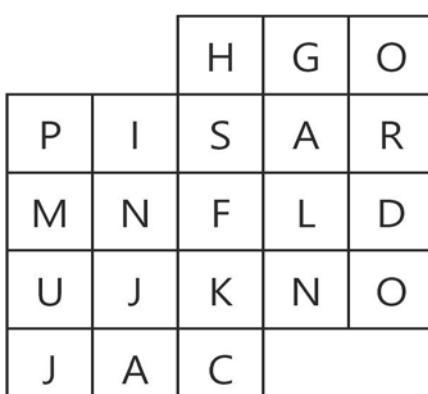
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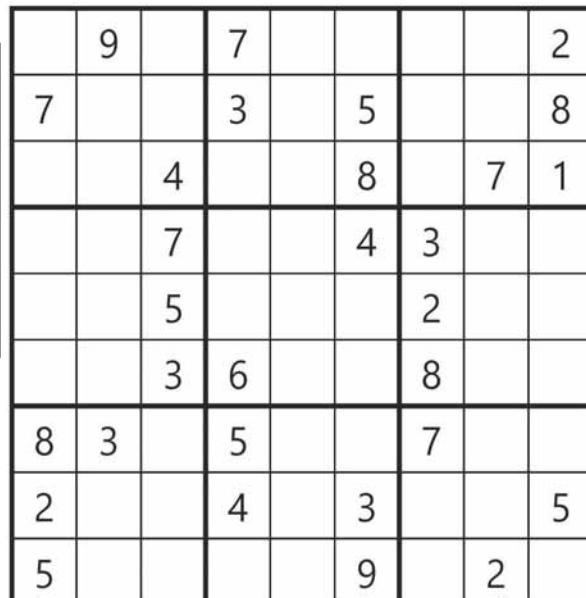
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